

As a consumer, taxpayer, and a professional system administrator I wish to voice my disdain for the so-called Broadcast Flag. It's impact will be felt more by law-abiding citizens who want to record shows they miss due to their busy schedules or who watch one show and record another in the same time slot to watch later. This will have no effect on illegal filesharing, because of the nature of digital technology. For every possible way to encode data, there's an opposite way to decode it. That's just the nature of bits and bytes. Let's let the market decide the fate of digital media and avoid government regulation (which always panders to one side's lobbying interests). Entertainment companies like movie and record studios are scared nowadays because digital technology threatens their business models - so they're running to the government for help and throwing around fistfulls of money. However, this is a capitalist society, and the government's job to protect freedom and! democracy, not to try and manipulate the market place to maintain the status quo for certain industries who are too fearful/lazy and would impair progress.

God Bless America!

Best Regards,
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